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THAI PREMIER DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES: In a 4 December conversation with the American Ambassador in Bangkok, Premier Phibun stated that he had been informed of the infiltration into Thailand of 2,000 Communist soldiers to serve as shock troops in an organized attempt to overthrow the government. He said the government plans very shortly to strike at known Chinese Communists and anticipates the arrest of as many as 1,000 persons. The Ambassador comments that never before has he heard Phibun treat the Communist threat with such deep concern.

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Comment: While the origin of the Communist soldiers is not mentioned, it is conceivable that such a force could be introduced into Thailand from Malaya or Cambodia.

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Phibun's remarks tend to confirm the genuineness of the present Thai anti-Communist drive.

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